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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Serial No. 10/815,760

Group Art Unit: 2675

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Examiner: Jennifer T. Nguyen

For: COORDINATES INPUT APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2006 and having a shortened period for response set to expire on February 23, 2006.

I. Provisional Election of Species Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.146

In the Election Requirement, the Examiner asserts that the claims are directed to four patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: species A illustrated in FIG. 7; species B illustrated in FIG. 9; species C illustrated in FIG. 12; and species D illustrated in Fig. 14.

On page 2, of the Office Action, the Examiner requires the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species, and provide a listing of all claims readable thereon, for prosecution to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claims are finally held to be allowable. The Examiner contends there is "(c)urrently, no generic claim." (Action at page 2).

Applicant submits that species A is directed to at least claims 1-15 and 23-27, species B is directed to at least claims 1-15 and 23-27, species C is directed to at least claims 1-13, 16-17, and 23-27, and species D is directed to at least claims 1-13 and 18-27.

Applicant provisionally elects species B, and submits that species B is directed to at least claims 1-15 and 23-27.

Applicant further submits that at least claims 1, 4, 7, 10, and 23 are generic to all four species A, B, C, and D.